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Identical letters dated 9 April 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and in pursuance of the previous letters of this Mission, including letters circulated as documents A/61/571-S/2006/884, A/61/954-S/2007/354 and A/62/705-S/2008/117, I wish to inform you that the Israeli regime has continued with its insolent, outrageous and unprovoked threats against the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this regard, and in yet another manifestation of the terrorist, aggressive and criminal nature of the Israeli regime and in gross violation of the most basic principles of international law and the United Nations Charter, the Israeli Infrastructure Minister, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, made a blatant threat against Iran, on 7 April 2008, by saying that his regime "will destroy the Iranian nation".

This malicious statement, which follows many others made in the past by other Israeli regime representatives — some of which are reflected in our aforesaid letters — is in full contempt of the basic provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the provisions which call for refraining "from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations".

The impunity with which the Israeli regime has been allowed to continue its aggressive policies in threatening other nations, and the inaction of the Security Council in this regard, has emboldened the said regime to pursue this dangerous course. Therefore, the Security Council should react to these vicious statements by unambiguously condemning them and calling on the said regime to cease and desist immediately from the threat of using force against Members of the United Nations.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108, and of the Security Council.

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